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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No.	:	09/773,241
Applicant(s)	:	John C. Molander et al.
Filed	:	January 31, 2001
Title	:	Absorbent Article with Tension-Dividing Side Panels
TC/A.U.	:	3761
Examiner	:	Michele M. Kidwell
Conf. No.	:	6142
Docket No.	:	8409
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AMENDMENT AFTER 1ST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(c)
AND A PETITION FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a two-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including January 23, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.